

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 19, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 40, 1/12/2007; HB 270, 1/12/2007

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:23 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 270, Tax credit for purchase of health care.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:21 Pat Melby, representing Montana Medical Association
00:12:13 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce also testifying on behalf of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and Helena Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tah13a01)

00:15:28 Mike Foster, Sister Hospitals in Montana
00:17:31 Frank Cote, representing American's Health Insurance Plans and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana also speaking for Susan Witte, Allegiance Health Benefit Plan, Missoula
00:18:52 Riley Johnson, National Federal of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:22 Shona McHugh, Bureau Chief, Individual Income Tax Division, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:44 Rep. Cohenour
00:23:42 Rep. Nooney
00:25:59 Rep. McAlpin
00:26:15 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Montana State Auditor's Office
00:28:33 Rep. McAlpin
00:30:11 Rep. Erickson
00:37:23 Rep. Lake
00:37:52 Rep. Cohenour
00:38:51 Rep. Jopek
00:45:12 Rep. Cohenour
00:45:46 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:46:39 Chairman Lake declared that the Committee will keep the hearing on HB 270 open for additional testimony and information.

Comments by Sponsor:

00:47:28 Rep. Michael Lange

00:49:33 Break

01:00:44 Resume

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:18 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 40, Revise state movie incentive laws

01:10:37 Short movie shown (7 minutes)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:10 Betsy Baumgart, Division Administrator, Montana
Promotion Division, Department of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a04\)](#)

01:29:13 Eric Stern, Montana Governor's Office

01:33:44 Bill Kunkel, Owner, Black Dog Films, Bozeman

01:36:37 Bob Ebinger, HD 62, Livingston, Montana

01:38:29 J.P. Gabriel, Owner and Manager, Film Lights, Bozeman,
Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a06\)](#)

01:45:57 Cindy Andrus, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce, Convention &
Visitors' Bureau Director

01:53:24 Allison Whitmer, Wolf Point, Film Maker

01:55:28 Rep. Grinde arrived at hearing

02:00:25 Linda Anderson Haines, Executive Director, Glacier
County Tourism Region also speaking for Helena Chamber
of Commerce and Gold West Country

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a07\)](#)

02:05:10 Ian Lyman

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah13a09\)](#)

02:06:01 Garry Wunderwald, Previous Montana Film Commissioner

02:08:20 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

02:10:59 Stuart Doggett, representing Montana Innkeepers'
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:12:22 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:42 Rep. Sonju

02:22:54 Rep. Cohenour

02:27:20 Rep. Ross

02:32:35 Rep. Erickson

02:35:29 Rep. Lambert

02:37:08 Rep. Butcher

02:44:13 Rep. MacLaren

02:35:03 Sten Iverson, Manager of Montana Film Office, Montana
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02:51:37 Rep. MacLaren

02:55:02 Rep. Jopek

02:58:50 Rep. Cohenour

03:02:18 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

03:02:43 Rep. Dave Gallik

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

03:05:07 Rep. Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a10)

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a11)

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